To Whom it may concern:

I submit that removing Element I requirements from the Amateur Radio License test would be a serious mistake. For my 1st license at age 13, learning the code was not difficult; it would be a shame to withold this exposure from new members. I was always impressed by my Extra-Licensed Dad, earning numerous awards, breathtakingly fast, and so highly proficient he could tell who was on the air by their CW style. Indeed, in certain situations CW may be the only available communication mode, in war and other global disasters. The removal of this requirement in other countries should not automatically induce us to act likewise.

Respectfully, Anne Marie Gingher